

# Washington State Patrol Media Release

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## **WSP Releases 2005 Labor Day C.A.R.E. Stats**

Chief John Batiste announced today the Combined Accident Reduction Effort (CARE) emphasis resulted in a 45% decrease in the number of collisions as compared to the same time last year. However, fatal collisions were up from three in 2004 to four in 2005. The C.A.R.E. emphasis began at midnight on September 2<sup>nd</sup> and ended at midnight on September 5<sup>th</sup>. "We had 70 fewer collisions on our highways over the Labor Day weekend but, one more fatal collision. This tells me that we still have work to do," stated Chief Batiste. The number of alcohol related collisions was also down three percent.

Below is a comparison of the 2004 vs. 2005 Labor Day weekend:

	2004	2005	
Number of Collisions	155	85	-45%
Number of Fatal Collisions	3	4	33%
Number of Fatalities	4	5	25%
Number of DUI Arrests	376	277	-26%
Number of Speed Tickets	4,715	3,150	-33%
Number of Seat Belt Tickets	838	490	-42%
Number of Alcohol Related Collisions	35	34	-3%
Number of Motorist Assists	2,010	1,006	-50%

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